

COLLECT THE WATER THAT USUALLY RUNS DOWN THE DRAIN WAITING FOR THE HOT WATER TO APPEAR IN A BUCKET, AND USE IT TO WATER PLANTS OR FLUSH TOILETS.

WHEN YOU SAVE WATER YOU SAVE ELECTRICITY AND YOU SAVE \$!

e.g., wash a full load of laundry in cold water (it costs electricity to heat the water) and hang up your laundry to dry.



STORE AT LEAST 1 GALLON OF DRINKING WATER PER PERSON PER DAY FOR A MINIMUM 3-DAY SUPPLY. STORE WATER IN A REFILLABLE CONTAINER.

e.g., a family of 4 needs 12 gallons.



INSTALL A WATER STORAGE TANK.



TEST YOUR WATER

Turn on your water, then using a 1 gallon pitcher measure how much water comes out of the fixture in 15 seconds. Multiply the number of quarts by 4 to find out how many gallons/minute come out of the fixture.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN CONSERVE WATER, SEE:

Save Our Water, a statewide program aimed at helping Californians to reduce their everyday water use.

<http://www.saveourh2o.org/>

IF YOUR WELL RUNS DRY.

For a partial list of well drillers see Mariposa County Health Department website under the Environmental Health,. Water Wells section .

www.mariposacounty.org/health

or call

*Mariposa County Health Department
Environmental Health Section*

209-966-2220.

Mariposa County WATER CONSERVATION TIPS



A state of emergency “drought” has been declared in California.

*Mariposa County Health Department
5085 Bullion Street
Mariposa, CA 95338
209-966-3689 or 1-800-459-4466
Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM
(except holidays)*

THE AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL USES 75 GALLONS OF WATER PER DAY.



TIPS FOR CONSERVING WATER:

WHEN WASHING YOUR HANDS, TURN THE WATER OFF WHILE YOU LATHER.

TAKE A SHOWER RATHER THAN A BATH.

Taking a shower uses much less water than filling up a bathtub. A shower uses 10 to 20 gallons, while a bath takes up to 50 gallons.

TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS.

Reduce your shower by 1-2 minutes and save 5 gallons.

TURN WATER OFF WHILE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH.

Save up to 3 gallons.

REPLACE OLD TOILETS WITH “LOW FLUSH” TOILETS.

“Low flush” toilets use 1 to 2 gallons per flush instead of the 3 to 5 gallons that older models use.

CHECK YOUR TOILETS FOR LEAKS.

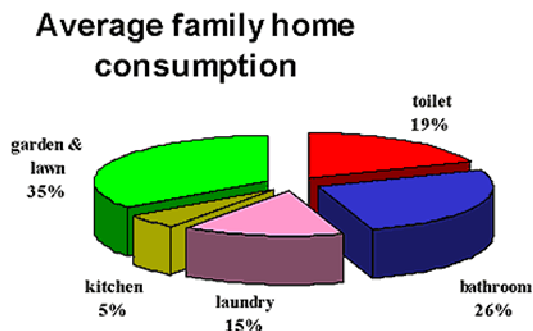
Drop several drops of food dye into the toilet tank. Do NOT flush. Wait 15 minutes. Check the water in the bowl for color. If the color appears in the bowl, there is a leak. Replacing the toilet’s flapper valve will likely stop the leak. Make sure the new flapper fits your toilet model.

DON’T FLUSH FACIAL TISSUE OR OTHER SMALL BIT OF TRASH.

Three to five gallons of water is wasted every time you flush a facial tissue or other small bit of trash.

FIX LEAKY FAUCETS.

Save up to 20 gallons per day.



INSTALL AERATORS ON BATHROOM FAUCETS.

Save 1.2 gallons per person/day.

INSTALL A WATER-EFFICIENT CLOTHES WASHER.

Save 16 gallons/load.

WASH ONLY FULL LOADS OF LAUNDRY.

Save 15 to 50 gallons.

RUN THE DISHWASHER ONLY WHEN FULL.

WATER BEFORE 8 A.M.

You can save about 25 gallons each time you water by watering before 8 a.m. Watering early reduces evaporation. Adjust your timers to run for less time.

MAKE THE SWITCH FROM LAWN TO LOW-WATER USE LANDSCAPING.

Switch your lawn to drought-tolerant plants and reduce your water use by more than 30 percent.



CHOOSE A WATER-EFFICIENT IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

Drip irrigation will save you up to 15 gallons/each time you water.

WATER ONLY WHEN NECESSARY. MORE PLANTS DIE FROM OVER WATERING THAN FROM UNDER WATERING.

USE A BROOM INSTEAD OF A HOSE.

Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios. Save 8+ gallons.

WASH CARS WITH A BUCKET, SPONGE, AND HOSE WITH SELF-CLOSING NOZZLE.